



## **2026 Setting the Pace Speaker Information Form**



**Kathy Robinson, RN, FAEN**

### **Biography**

Kathy has more than 40 years of experience in emergency and trauma care as a clinician and health care policy consultant. Her professional experiences in EMS and emergency care serve as the foundation for a portfolio of accomplishments. Robinson served as ENA's National President in 2003 and was inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing in its inaugural class. Now semi-retired, Kathy provides association management support to the American Trauma Society in the area of legislative and policy issues

### **Presentation Title**

**“Do No Harm:” A Conversation on Diagnostic Errors in the  
Emergency Department**

### **Summary**

This session will provide an overview of the systematic review(s) on Diagnostic Errors in the ED published by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and provide a realistic interpretation of the findings.

## Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this presentation, the attendee will be able to:

1. Identify the top 15 clinical conditions associated with serious misdiagnosis-related harms.
2. Distinguish between misdiagnoses and missed diagnoses when describing potential errors in the emergency department.
3. Define practical quality measures that can be used to help reduce diagnostic errors in the ED.

## References

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